

House Resolution No. 642

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Richard C. Joyner of Doniphan, Missouri, attained outstanding distinction as the Chief of Police in his hometown, a leadership and public safety role that he drew to a close on January 30, 2008, in well-deserved retirement after more than three decades of service; and

Whereas, Chief of Police since April 1, 1990, Richard Joyner oversaw growth in personnel, equipment, and professionalism during his eighteen years as the top law enforcement officer for the town of Doniphan; and

Whereas, Richard Joyner has resided in Doniphan since May 1958, when he moved there at the age of eleven with his family from Caruthersville, Missouri; and

Whereas, after serving as a volunteer deputy under Sheriff Lewis Dawes, Richard Joyner knew that law enforcement was his passion and his calling in service to his fellow man; and

Whereas, justifiably proud of his uniform and his department, Richard Joyner is a wonderful example of dedicated service to the Doniphan community; and

Whereas, Richard Joyner is the beloved husband of Pauletta, who retired as Doniphan City Collector in 2007; the loving father of Paul, who followed in his footsteps as a federal law enforcement officer for Mark Twain National Forest; and a devoted grandfather to two wonderful grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Richard Joyner and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Richard C. Joyner of Doniphan, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 642, adopted February 13, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker